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RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.116

In response to the final Office Action mailed 13 December 2005, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection and objection are respectfully requested as discussed herein.

Inasmuch as this Response is being submitted within the three-month shortened statutory period set in the Office Action, Applicants respectfully submit that no extension of time is necessary. If the Commissioner determines that an extension of time and/or other fee is necessary, the same is hereby requested and the Commissioner is authorized to charge any necessary fees to maintain the pendency of this application to deposit account No. 16-1445.